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FOR STREAMERS TO SAIL

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO ("DERFFLINGER") FRIDAY, 31st December, 9 A.M.
and YOKOHAMA Capt. G. Meiners

MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, ("PRINZ SIGISMUND") FRIDAY, 31st Dec., 10 A.M.
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Hongkong, 30th December, 1900.

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Hongkong, 19th November, 1900.

Intimation.

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Yongkhong, 2nd March, 1901.

Intimations.

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Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be guaranteed.

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Yokohama, April 28th, 1903.

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THE best TONIC for keeping in perfect health in the Tropics.

It is a liquid food in predigested form, containing all the bracing, soothing and toning effects of the choicest hops. Nearly Non-alcoholic.

Highly recommended by the local medical profession in cases of Debility after Malaria, from overwork or other causes, Anemia, Nervousness or Dyspepsia. Samples on application.

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SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1900.

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REASONABLE FEES

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Hongkong, 29th June, 1904.

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THE LATEST METHOD of the AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY

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From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1901.

JAPANESE COTTON YARN.

EXPORTS TO HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA.

The export of cotton yarn last month was very satisfactory, says the *Yokohama Chronicle*, the total shipment of 20's and below amounting to 9,521,500 lbs, representing ¥3,935,716 in value, and that of yarn above 20's to 673,371 lbs, valued at ¥394,065, making a total of 10,194,871 lbs valued at ¥4,329,781.

Last week some activity was shown in the yarn market, buyers in Tokyo and Nagoya purchasing bargains, and on the 15th instant about 3,000 bales changed hands. The quotations for some qualities were forced up by Y2 or Y3 the following day, when the record high quotation of Y131 for February delivery was seen. The *Osaka Mainichi* remarks that this activity was the result of operations by speculators, and genuine buyers merely folded their hands, watching the situation. In consequence on the same day (16th) the quotations on the Osaka Yarn Exchange closed at Y128.60 for December delivery, Y129.75 for January, and Y130.55 for February delivery. It is difficult to predict the future of the yarn market, continues the *Osaka Journal*, but if the prevailing high price of raw cotton is maintained the market is bound to rise to keep pace with the cost of raw material. The purchase of yarn for export this year was started two or three months earlier than last year and weaving circles in Japan remain very inactive, so that whether the market will advance on the opening of the New Year as generally considered is problematical.

The *Osaka Asahi* notes that the Takenouchi Shoten, a cotton yarn firm connected with the Osaka branch of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, which has made heavy purchases of gassed yarn on speculation since the spring, is reduced to a critical position on account of the collapse of the gassed yarn market since the summer. Mr. Fuji no, manager of the Osaka branch of the Mitsui Bussan, has devised a measure of relief for the Takenouchi Shoten and has undertaken to export a part of the stock held by the firm to Hongkong and South China. The Mitsui is now awaiting a favourable opportunity to ship the yarn. Japanese gassed yarn, adds the *Osaka Journal*, has no other market abroad than Hongkong and South China, where the demand for the Japanese production does not exceed 500 bales a year. Cotton yarn merchants at Honfuku, Tokyo, are all reduced to an embarrassing condition. Compared with English gassed yarn 60's to 80's, the price of the Japanese production is much lower. In these circumstances, assuming the quality to be not much inferior, there should logically be great possibilities for the export of Japanese gassed yarn to England. The yarn merchants have, accordingly, with a view to forcing up the market, circulated a report that Messrs. Samuel, Samuel & Co., and the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha have on foot a scheme to export Japanese gassed yarn in large quantities to England. It goes without saying, concludes the *Asahi*, that Japanese gassed yarn is quite unsuitable to English weavers, ignorant as Japanese weavers and cotton yarn merchants are of conditions abroad, it would still hardly be thought that they would be enticed by such a scheme. In practice, however, the case is different and the report appears to have had some effect in improving the market.

Intimations.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

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In Casks of 375 lbs. net \$5.50 per Cask ex Factory.

In Bags of 250 lbs. net \$3.45 per Bag ex Factory.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1900.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.

9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

11.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon. Every 15 minutes.

12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.00 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS.

Extra cars at 8.15 p.m., 11.30 p.m. and 11.45 p.m.

SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, Des Voeux Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1900.

YEE SING,

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MANUFACTURE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS

in all kinds of Hand-made DRAWN and EMBROIDERED CHINESE LINE GRASS CLOTH, FEWTER WARE, &c.

all of the best quality.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1900.

Intimations.

WEATHER FORECAST AND STORM WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station at Tsim Sha Tsui for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here:—

Signal No.

1. A CONE point upwards Indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.

2. A CONE point upwards and DRUM below Indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.

3. A DRUM Indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.

4. A CONE point downwards and DRUM below Indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.

5. A CONE point downwards Indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.

6. A CONE point downwards and BALL below Indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.

7. A BALL Indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.

8. A CONE point upwards and BALL below Indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signal indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. Tamar, Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office:—

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. Tamar.

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.

No. III. Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published by night.

These Night Signals will be substituted for the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNING.

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at each of the following stations during the time that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the Harbour.

Gap Rock. Aberdeen.

Waglan. San Ki Wan.

Stanley. Sai Kung.

Cape Collinson. Sha Tin Kol.

Tai Po.

This will indicate that there is a depression somewhere in the China Sea, and that a Storm Warning is hoisted in the Harbour.

Further details can always be given to Ocean Vessels, on demand, by signal from the light houses.

F. G. FROD, Director.

20th Feb., 1901.

Intimation.

Powell's
NEW
FABRICSIN
ENDLESS
VARIETY
FOR
WINTER
CURTAINS

PORTIERES.

WINDOW
DRAPERIES.MANTEL
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BLINDS.CUSHIONS
AND
RE-COVERING
FURNITURE.SHOW ROOMS
FIRST FLOOR
ALEXANDRA
BUILDINGS.

POWELL'S

Hongkong, 24th December, 1909. [89]

Notice of Firm.

CHARGEURS REUNIS.

BY Mutual Agreement between the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes and the Compagnie des Chargeurs Reunis, the HONGKONG AGENCY of the CHARGEURS REUNIS will, from the 1st January, 1910, be transferred to Messrs. P. A. LAPICQUE & CO. (Queen's Building No. 4).

CHARGEURS REUNIS.

P. A. LAPICQUE & Co., Agents.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES, P. THOMAS, Agent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1909. [86]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW, the 31st December, 1909, at 3 P.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 6, Des Vœux Road, corner of Ice House Street, A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF HIGH CLASS BONBONS, SWEETS, CHOCOLATES, &c.

TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1909. [874]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Honourable The Director of Public Works, to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on

THURSDAY, the 6th January, 1910, at 11 A.M., at The Public Works Department Stores, Waichai, Praya East, SUNDRY OLD AND CONDEMNED STORES, Comprising—

OLD IRON WIRE, IRON GRATINGS, A Quantity of S. W. PIPING, ONE STAMP MACHINE, OLD IRON, STEEL RAILS, BRASS STOP COCKS, OLD WHITE METAL, &c., &c.

TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1909. [875]

For Sale.

FOR SALE

AT

GRACA & CO'S
STORE,

27, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL.

DOLLS.

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.

TOYS.

SWEETS.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR
CARDS.

ALBUMS.

CHILDREN'S MAIL CARTS.

AND

A Variety of Articles suitable

for

CHRISTMAS.

INSPECTION INVITED.

GRACA & CO.,

27, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL. [86]

LEE YEE

HAIR DRESSING SALOON

HAS ALWAYS ON HAND

CIGARS, CIGARETTES

AND

TOILET REQUISITES

FOR SALE.

11, D'AGUIAR STREET.

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 2nd November, 1909. [88]

THE BUSINESS HALF-YEAR.

RESULT OF WORKING OF COMPANIES IN JAPAN.

COTTON SPINNING.

The *Asahi* has an article dealing with the results of the working of companies in various branches of business for the half-year now closing. The journal notes that spinning companies generally held a large stock of raw cotton purchased at a lower price and brought over from the preceding period, and the yarn market ruled comparatively high. In consequence it is heavy advance in the price of raw cotton seen since September has not had much effect on the profit of the spinning companies for the present period, and generally they have been able to obtain a result no less favourable than for the preceding period. The Osaka, Settsu, Fukushima, and Kiofuchi are each enabled to pay a dividend at the rate of 12 per cent., the Amagasaki 30 per cent., and the Goto 20 per cent.

WEAVING.

With large stocks of raw cotton bought at a low price, the weaving of broad widths (*hirohabu-mono*) has been satisfactory, but the result of cotton flamed weaving has been varied, depending as it does on the method of selling the goods. The result of the weaving of silk and wool mixed and of purely silk goods has been unsatisfactory.

PETROLEUM INDUSTRY.

The output of oil for the period under review has not been less, if it has been no more than that for the corresponding period in past years, and the method of refining has shown some improvement, but every company has been involved in no small expense by reason of the competition of foreign oil. The price has consequently been low, with the result that the net back received in the past by some of the companies could not be neutralised. The Hoken Petroleum Company has been obliged to reduce its rate of dividend considerably, and the Japan Petroleum Company will be able to maintain its former rate of 20 per cent. only with difficulty.

SUGAR REFINING.

The production of sugar has been satisfactory and the market has been maintained fairly well, the supply and demand being well balanced; but the reserve for the maintenance of machinery and plant having been inadequate, each company has had to provide further funds for this purpose, and the dividend of the Koba Sugar Company will be restricted to 7 per cent. per annum.

FERTILISERS.

So satisfactory has been the sale of fertilisers that a scarcity of supply was felt at one time and the stock which had congested the markets has been cleared. Such being the case, the result of the working of the fertiliser companies has been generally satisfactory, but they have for the most part been compelled to forego a distribution of dividend, all the profit being devoted to balancing the losses in the past.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANIES.

The demand for electric light has continued to increase year by year, accompanied by a corresponding increase in the revenue, but the Osaka Electric Light Company has reduced its dividend by 1 per cent. for the purpose of improving the position of the company, and the Kyoto Electric Light Company is also proposing to increase its reserve and distribute a lower dividend.

FIRE INSURANCE.

The fire insurance companies have been affected by the Osaka conflagration, but the result of the working since that date is said to have much improved, and it is probable dividends will not be much if at all reduced.

LIFE INSURANCE.

Competition has steadily increased in the life insurance business, and canvassing expenses have multiplied in proportion, but the result of the operations has been favourable. Moreover, the companies have reaped considerable profit from the advance in the price of bonds held by them, and it is estimated that they will be able to distribute a dividend at a rate not lower than that for last year.

BANKING BUSINESS.

The half-year about to close has proved a very bad period for the banks. The demand for money has continued very dull throughout the period. On the other hand, deposits have steadily increased in consequence of the redemption of Government bonds, the introduction of foreign money, and the payment of new enterprises. Rates of interest of bank deposits have been lowered, but a considerable amount of money has remained idle in the safes of banks. Moreover, the revenue from fees received in connection with the issue of company debentures, &c. has been smaller than usual. Consequently banking profits have been small. Owing to the general rise in the stock market, however, the banks have made a good profit on the difference in the prices of stocks held. Of the Osaka banks the Kitahama and 34 Banks each count on distributing a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum and the Naniwa and Omi Banks the same rate as for the preceding period (10 per cent.), but the sums allotted to the proprietors in the case of the Sumitomo and Yamaguchi Banks are expected to be a little less than for the preceding period.

SHIPPING.

The result of the working of shipping companies has been generally satisfactory. The supply of tonnage has been greater than the demand in consequence of the depression of general trade. The Chinese boycott in South China has also affected shipping business in Japan, and rates of freight generally have ruled low. Steamship purveyors have been observing strict economy in expenditure, but steamers have only paid their running expenses with difficulty. No dividend will be distributed by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, but the Japan-China Steamship Company is expected to be able to distribute 5 per cent. owing to additional freight received by the temporary boycott of British steamers on the Yangoon. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha will distribute a dividend of

10 per cent. with the aid of a bounty, and the Osaka Kaisha 6 per cent.

ELECTRIC RAILWAYS.

Electric railway companies have not escaped the effect of the trade depression. The annual increase in the receipts of each company commensurate with the natural growth of the traffic has been smaller this year, but the increase in the expenditure has been in the same ratio as before. Thus the result of the working is less satisfactory and probably no company will be able to distribute a dividend at the same rate as before without reducing the amount placed to reserve. This will doubtless have to be done if the Nankai Railway pays to per cent., the Kyoto Electric Tramway 10 per cent., and the Hanshin Electric Railway 12 per cent. as before.—*Japan Chronicle*.

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"DELHI"
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be served out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—
From London, &c., ex s.s. *Moollan* and *Fryer*.

From Australia, ex s.s. *Moldavia*.
From Persian Gulf, ex B.I.S.N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optimal Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 30th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1909. [84]

BANK LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "SUVERIC."
FROM SEATTLE, TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1909. [80]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENLARIQ."
FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th January, 1910, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 15th January, 1910, or they will not be received.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th January, at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by J.B.B. LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1909. [873]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship "KUMSANG," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M., the 31st inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1909. [86]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN CONVENT, GARDEN ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK. Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Obed and Collars renewed on old ones. Ladies' and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery. Materials can be supplied, if required. The Superiores will also be most grateful for any FANCY or old REVOLVERS to be made into Knives for the Children of the Poor School, maintained by the Society.

Intimations.

OF THE MULTITUDES

who have used it, or are now using it, we have never heard of any one who has been disappointed in it. No claims are made for it except those which are amply justified by experience. In commending it to the afflicted we simply point to its record. It has done great things, and it is certain to continue the excellent work. There is—we may honestly affirm—no medicine which can be used with greater and more reasonable faith and confidence. It nourishes and keeps up the strength during those periods when the appetite fails and food cannot be digested. To guard against imitations and substitutions, our "trade mark" is put on every bottle of "Wampole's Preparation," and without it none is genuine. It is palatable as honey and contains the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver, Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod livers, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites and the Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. Taken before meals it creates an appetite, aids digestion, renews vital power, drives out disease germs, makes the blood rich, red and full of constructive elements, and gives back to the pleasures and labours of the world many who had abandoned hope. Dr. S. H. McCoy, of Canada, says: "I testify with pleasure to its unlimited usefulness as a tissue builder." Its curative powers can always be relied upon. It makes a new era in medicine, is beneficial from the first dose and represents effective medical treatment of the twentieth century. "You can trust it as the Ivy does the Oak." One bottle convinced. Watch carefully against imitations. At all chemists here and throughout the world.

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BRITISH MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, TIENTSIN.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the position of ENGINEER to the British Municipal Councils, Tientsin.

Applicants should state their age, whether married or single, and should give full details of their previous experience, especially of their experience in China.

Canvassing will constitute a disqualification. The salary will be Tientsin Tael 400 per month, with medical attendance.

The selected candidate must pass a medical examination. Only copies of testimonials need be sent.

Applications to be endorsed "Appointment of Engineer" and to be addressed to The Chairman, British Municipal Councils, Tientsin, they should reach Tientsin not later than January 15th, 1910.

By Order of the Councils, W. MCLEISH, Secretary.

Tientsin, 8th December, 1909. [851]

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK.

NOTICE is hereby given that the UNION TRADING COMPANY, carrying on business at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, as Merchants and Commission Agents, have, on the 4th day of September, 1909, applied for the Registration in Hongkong, in the Register of Trade Marks, of the following Trade Mark:—

The representation of three Chinese beauties in a part of a garden—one is depicted sitting on the balustrade playing a Chinese fife and of the other two, one is depicted sitting on a stone and the other is leaning on her and both are facing and looking at the one playing the fife. A stream, some trees, a bridge and the gable of a house are depicted in the background.

In the name of the UNION TRADING COMPANY, who claim to be the proprietors thereof.

The Trade Mark is intended to be used by the applicants forthwith in respect of the following goods:—

COTTON PIECE GOODS of all kinds in Class 24.

SILK PIECE GOODS in Class 31, AND CLOTHS and STUFFS of WOOL, WORSTED or HAIR in Class 34.

A Facsimile of the Trade Mark can be seen at the office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong and also at the office of the Undersigned.

Dated the 30th day of September, 1909.

JOHNSON, STOKES and MASTER, Solicitors for the Applicants, 8, Des Vœux Road Central, Hongkong.

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1909. [87]

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Hongkong, 11th September, 1909. [183]

TO LET.

IN No. 6, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, One Godown.

IN No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria Building, Rooms suitable for Offices.

ROOMS in College Chambers, No. 31, WYNDHAM STREET.

Apply to—

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 18th November, 1909. [581]

TO LET.

KING'S BUILDINGS, OFFICES facing the Harbour from about October, at present in occupation of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Apply—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 3rd June, 1909. [463]

TO LET.

NOS. 20 and 21, PRAYA, KENNEDY TOWN, two extensive two-storied semi-detached godowns, ground surface of cement concrete.

No. 14, Praya, Kennedy Town, one extensive two-storied godown.

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TO LET.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 22nd October, 1909. [739]

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GODDARD & DOUGLAS. Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [844]

TO LET.

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Apply—
Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1909. [408]

TO LET.

OFFICES, No. 2, CONNAUGHT ROAD, 3rd Floor.

No. 3, CLIFTON GARDENS, CONDUIT ROAD.

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Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 7th November, 1909. [51]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 5A, DUDDALL STREET.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 1st November, 1909. [88]

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

LI KWONG LOONG & CO.,

CABINET-MAKERS AND ART DECORATORS, from SHANGHAI, has re-opened their FURNITURE STORE

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Hongkong, 15th July, 1907.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1907.

A CHINESE REDEMPTION
SCHEME.

According to the Shanghai vernacular papers the Chinese Board of Finance is engaged in the consideration of the best method to secure the redemption of all the outstanding liabilities of the Empire to the foreign world. Here is a colossal scheme which is worthy the attention of a Rothschild or a Pierpont Morgan, but China was not noted for its grandiose ideas which flattered the air for a time and then passed. It will be recognised that in proposing to redeem the foreign liabilities, China is in a measure, following the example of Japan after the late war, but there is always this

difference that whereas China is split up into a number of semi-independent Provinces which have to be treated separately and without reference to one another, Japan is administered as one homogeneous whole, and the co-operation of all the islands is secured by their mutual interests. At any rate let us see what this scheme of redemption means so far as China is concerned. In the latest edition of Hazell's Annual, the outstanding liabilities of the Chinese Government amounted to a total of £23,685,730, but in reality, if the redemption fails, the total amount paid by China on account of the Japanese and Boxer wars will, by 1940, have amounted to roughly £250,000,000, to say nothing of other and earlier commitments.

The proposal, therefore, to men who know China is one that sounds so extraordinary as to rank with the impossible. We have had long experience of China and her customs, remarks a contemporary in the North, of the suspicion with which her people have viewed all and every suggestion of her authorities when such suggestion meant the transference of current coin from the pockets of the people to the coffers of the mandarins or the central government. Is all that experience to go for nothing? We are quite ready to believe that there has been a great awakening, perhaps we ought to say a great creation of native patriotism, but will it run to the production of so vast an amount? Is the money really forthcoming whatever the patriotism? Is the world to be astonished in 1940 as it was in 1871, when the French milliards came rolling in at the call of the Republic? It is impossible to say. We are quite prepared to believe that there are vast hoards in China; we have little doubt but that the £12,000,000 might be found if there were sufficient extractive power, but is there, and if there were, would it be advisable to employ it? Threatened with an alien control of revenue and expenditure we can easily understand the intense desire of the ruling classes to avoid such a humiliation at any cost, and there is beyond the humiliation another consideration. Were there any foreign control worth the name, the peculations of the multitude of mandarins would cease. For every dollar received they would have to account. This would be terrible from their point of view, but what about the taxpayer? What of the ninety-nine per cent. who are not officials in any way? Could they not rather welcome such a reform? continues the Mercury. We think they would and if the matter were put before them thus: "and out every tael you have hoarded up in or that our old system may be preserved. We are inclined to think that they would inquire as to the alternative, and if they feared that it was foreign, and therefore strictly honest control, would prefer to keep their hoard, take advantage of foreign integrity, and let the bad old system disappear. In a word, we shall be much surprised if the new-born patriotism of China will be found equal to this task. But for the sake of argument, let us suppose that it will; and that the whole of the sum required is forthcoming. What interest will be asked? Everybody knows that the value of money in China is far greater than it is in the richer west. England can borrow at less than 1 per cent. and most great powers at less than five. But interest amongst the Chinese runs from 10 per cent. upward, while the Chinese government can command far better rates from foreign sources. If the money is to be forthcoming at all, therefore, it will be at much greater cost than at present. But it may be argued that the interest would remain in the country. There is something in that, especially for the bondholder, the five or ten per cent. minority of the people. "What of the ninety-five mulctured to enrich that minority? Our native contemporaries tell us the people are enthusiastic over the new scheme. Possibly they are. But our contemporaries do not tell us that the people understand either the scheme or its consequences. If they did, and when they do, there will be a different story to tell, perhaps. We doubt if there is any national debt anywhere exclusively held by the people of the land that owes it. Suppose the conversion of the Chinese debt completed, what is to prevent foreigners from buying the stock? It will have to be marketable as British Consols and French Rentes are marketable. Anybody may buy them. And as China would have to offer a high rate of interest to get the required money, there would be all the greater temptation to the foreign financier to come in. It will be even from these reflections that the difficulties in the way of realising the enormous task of redeeming China's debts are almost insuperable. There can be no doubt whatever that the people of China if they would it could advance the money, for despite all that has been said and written on the subject China is not a poor country. Poverty there is but it is never that grinding poverty which characterises the large centres of the west; as for wealth nobody has yet dared to formulate an idea of the hidden hoards of the country. If these hoards were to be drawn upon the redemption of the Empire's liabilities would be assured, but there is something lacking to fire the imagination in a redemption scheme. It has no tangible form; there is nothing but bonds to show for the outlay, it does not appeal to the patriot and it certainly would fail to obtain the support of the individual accustomed to the ways of man-

daris management in the interior. The scheme in fact, magnificent though it may be, is simply a soap bubble; its only value is the indication it affords of how Chinese officials are striving might and main to oust the hard-working foreigner and to regain for themselves that power over the lives and purses of the Chinese proletariat which they exercised in the days before the foreigner had appeared on the scene.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A CHINAMAN was this morning awarded fourteen days' hard labour for stealing a pair of trousers.

SIX months' hard labour and four hours' stocks was the punishment meted out to a Chinese at the Magistracy this morning for returning from banishment.

THE P. and O. Company once again issues its combined diary, almanac, atlas, and compendium of general information, which is always useful when travelling about the China coast or even farther afield.

THE Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s launch "C2" has been sold to the Canton-Kowloon Railway administration (Imperial Chinese section). We believe the launch left for Canton to-day.

THE youth name Gutierrez who was charged the other day with causing grievous bodily harm to a Chinaman by shooting at him with a saloon rifle, thereby causing a bullet-headed cap to penetrate three inches into his victim's left thigh, was this morning fined \$30 and ordered to pay \$25 compensation.

THOSE who enjoy something that reminds them of the old "penny gaff" at home should take a trip to the Hongkong Cinematograph and witness the antics of the Wing Sun troupe. It gives one a glimpse of the days long gone by, but we refuse to disclose what the show is like. It is too rich for words and has only to be seen once to be thoroughly appreciated.

THREE men, of whom one is an ex-exercise officer and an ex-constable, the others being quartermasters, were yesterday arrested on board the s.s. *Suvaric* with thirty tins of prepared opium in their possession. They appeared at the Magistracy this morning, when two of them were discharged while the ex-constable was fined \$500 or in default three months' hard labour.

THE latest published accounts for the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company and the Royal Exchange Assurance Company have been issued, from which it appears that the total net income of the former for the year ending 31st December, 1908, was £4,126,450.7.6 with assets aggregating £2,980,659.12.3 while the total net income of the latter for the same period was £1,619,907.14.8 with funds aggregating £5,447,790.18.5. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire are the agents.

TWELVE gamblers from 27, Canton Road, Tsai-tai-tai, appeared in the Police Court this morning. The keeper of the establishment was fined \$100 while five of the men had each to contribute \$4 to the Government Treasury. The rest were remanded. One of the men at the time of the raid deliberately upset a kerosene lamp on the floor with a view to baffling the Police, as a result of which the room was ignited in several places. During the scuffle which ensued, sixty of the gamblers succeeded in making good their escape.

FROM Messrs. Butterfield and Swire we have received a tremendous number of New Year calendars and sundries. There is a blotting pad with refills from the London and Lancashire Insurance Company; a handy service of blotters and a letter-file all from the same Company. The Royal Exchange Assurance have issued a neat leather diary. The Royal also issues a desk calendar and a blotter. The Orient Fire Insurance Company is represented by its old familiar wall calendar. For all these insurance companies Messrs. B. & S. are the local agents.

ARISING out of the case in which a man named Francis Ritchie was yesterday sentenced to six weeks' hard labour for obtaining the sum of \$42 by means of false pretences from a Chinese woman named Fah Tim Babi, the husband of the latter was this morning placed in the dock before Mr. J. R. Wood for being accessory before the fact. The offence alleged against the defendant is that he had instructed Ritchie to obtain the sum in question from his concubine. *Abuse corpus* proceedings are to be instituted for the purpose of securing Ritchie as principal witness against the defendant.

ONE wonders how many people there are, who, being of average courage and calm temperament, do not indulge in the festive cigarette? The number must be exceedingly small, but it would probably be greater if one were not taxed to discover which is really the best brand. There are people in Hongkong who are experimenting all the time. To them we would suggest that they should try the Ardath cigarette known as the "Winifred" or, if that is too delicate, let them have a shot at the "Chief Whip." Of course, the very name of Ardath carries its own recommendation, but there are some folks who never will be convinced. We feel sure that the man who is groping in the dark for a cigarette that will just suit his fancy will select one of these two brands we have mentioned as his final choice. We have sampled both sorts and find difficulty in deciding to which should be assigned the balance of favour—it is each to his own taste. The cigarettes are cheap, the aroma is delicious and they can be had either in tins of fifty or packets of twenty. Messrs. Price & Co., Queen's Road Central, are representing the Ardath people.

NEW PENANG STEAMER.

LAUNCHED AT HONGKONG.

At 9 o'clock last evening, 29th inst., at the yard of Messrs. Kwong Tuck Cheong the second steamer built to the order of the Eastern Shipping Co., Penang, was successfully launched and as the vessel glided down the ways she was christened *Pangkor*.

The ceremony was gracefully performed by Miss Minnie Lambert, daughter of the popular surveyor for Lloyd's in Hongkong.

The vessel is a replica of the *Kedah* recently launched from the same yard.

A number of visitors was present and success to the vessel and the health of the builders was enthusiastically drunk by the gathering.

GUNBOAT "RIO LIMA."

BOUGHT IN BY PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES.

The obsolete Portuguese gunboat *Rio Lima* was put up for sale by public auction by Messrs. Hughes and Hough, this afternoon, acting under instructions from the Portuguese naval authorities. A large number of intending Chinese purchasers attended the sale and bidding was, in consequence, very spirited. The first offer made was one of \$10,000 which advanced by bids of \$500 to \$19,500, at which price it was bought in by the Portuguese naval official present.

The dimensions of the *Rio Lima* are:—
Extreme Length.....169 ft. 6 ins.
Length on Water Line.....150 ft. 3 ins.
Extreme Breadth.....27 ft. 7 ins.
Displacement.....635 tons.
Draft Forward.....10 ft. 0 in.
Draft Aft.....11 ft. 2 ins.

FIRE AT QUARRY BAY.

STOCKS OF ASHES ABLAZE.

What at first sight appeared to be a serious conflagration broke out in the neighbourhood of Quarry Bay this forenoon. It was at first feared that the Takoo Sugar works were ablaze and indeed that was the rumour which went round the city. Fortunately that story proved to be a canard, but nevertheless the fire was of no small proportions although it is doubtful if any serious damage will result from its effects. Near the water front on ground which we understand belongs to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire great stacks of cinders, slag and coal refuse are piled and it is believed that one of these stacks, which had probably been smouldering for days suddenly broke out into open flame. At any rate, when the smoke was observed rising from the heap of disposed material, the fire-extinguishing plant of the firm was quickly brought to bear on the red-hot mass. The fire itself was also directed to the scene and rendered efficient service throwing tons of water on the concentrated heap of red flame. Altogether there were four fire engines and the fire float at work pouring an immense supply of sea water on the burning stack. It is said there were about four thousand tons of this practically useless material in a state of almost white-heat. Three fire appliances from the city were sent out to help but what the result was we have not yet learned. Experienced engineers say that this sort of fire can never be extinguished by throwing water on it. What must be done is to turn over the whole mound of debris and so get the fire out bit by bit. It is related that a similar outbreak occurred at Singapore some years ago when a stack of ashes was found to be in the state of a volcano on the point of eruption. It took five thousand coolies six weeks to extinguish the outbreak. According to our information there is no danger at Quarry Bay. The damage will be comparatively trifling.

KITCHENER'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Lord Kitchener, when travelling by rail from mid Java to Sourabaya, had a narrow escape on leaving Solo. The train was being backed out of the station there, when by some means or another the front coach in which His Lordship was seated, became derailed and overturned. Lord Kitchener crept out of the vehicle unhurt and got safely into another coach which was soon hooked on to the engine. The journey was continued, and Lord Kitchener arrived at Sourabaya on December 11, where he embarked on board the steamer *Van Outhoorn* for Port Darwin.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB VS. UNITED SERVICES.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club vs. United Services on Saturday and Monday, the 1st and 3rd January.
W. C. D. Turner, T. E. Pearce, R. E. O. Bird, R. E. H. Oliver, R. O. Hutchison, A. C. E. Elborough, H. D. Sharpen, A. H. Young, A. A. Claxton, J. Hall and W. Manning.
Play to start at 2 a.m. each day.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.

Indian (*Arratoon*) 3rd prox.
American (*Asia*) 5th prox.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 6th prox.

The P. & A. Co.'s s.s. *Knight of St. George* left Amoy en route to Hongkong on 29th inst., and may be expected at this port on 29th prox.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks, the following donations to the funds of the hospitals:—
Hon. Mr. A. W. Brewin.....\$ 5
Ho A Tsai.....\$ 10

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER
COMPANY, LTD.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

An extraordinary general meeting of the China Light and Power Company, Ltd. was held in the offices of the general managers, Messrs. Shawan Tomes & Co. S. George's Buildings, this afternoon. Mr. Robert Shawan presided and those present included:—Messrs H. P. White, of the consulting committee, A. Babington, G. G. Gordon, E. W. Terrey, A. G. Gordon, H. F. Campbell, J. A. Young, A. A. Cordelero, R. Unsworth, P. M. Hodgson and D. H. Young, secretary.

The secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said:—The object of the resolution before the meeting is solely for the purpose of enabling the Company to return capital and pay undivided profits to shareholders to the extent of \$500,000 altogether. By returning \$5 per share to the holders of the 50,000 \$10 shares we shall reduce that capital to 50,000 shares of \$5 each and we shall make an equivalent payment in the shape of a bonus of \$5 per share to the holders of the 50,000 special \$1 shares. The paid up capital will then be \$500,000 in 50,000 shares of \$5 each and 50,000 shares of \$5 each and 50,000 shares of \$1 each. The present resolution which cannot be confirmed until an interval of fourteen days from to-day has elapsed will give us power to modify the right of any class of shares by a special resolution passed in conformity with an agreement made with a trustee acting on behalf of the holders of the class of shares in question provided such agreement is ratified by an extraordinary resolution. On the confirmation of the present resolution fifteen days hence the company will enter into the agreements referred to and we shall call meetings of each class of shareholders to pass the extraordinary resolution, to ratify these agreements. When that is done we shall on the same day (as an extraordinary resolution does not require to be confirmed) propose the special resolution to return and pay the \$500,000 which resolution will have to be confirmed after another interval of fourteen days. We shall then be in a position to apply to the Court for permission to make the return of capital and pay the bonus. I beg to move the first resolution:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered.

1. By inserting therein immediately after paragraph 4 of Clause VIII. a new paragraph as follows:—

5. Whenever the Capital of the Company is divided into several Classes of Shares all or any of the rights and privileges attached to any Class may be modified altered sub-divided re-arranged or dealt with by Special Resolution of the Company passed pursuant to an Agreement in writing made between the Company and some member of the Class purporting to contract on behalf of the members of the Class provided such agreement shall be ratified by Extraordinary Resolution passed at a separate Meeting of the Class or by writing under the hand of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of the Class and it shall be no objection to any such Agreement that it provides for a reduction of Capital otherwise than in accordance with the legal rights of the holders of shares of the Class or for the payment of a dividend or bonus otherwise than in accordance with the rights of the Holders of the shares of the Class or for the allotment of shares credited as fully or partly paid up in satisfaction or part satisfaction of such dividend or bonus and for the purposes of this Clause a Resolution shall be an Extraordinary Resolution when it has been passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of such members of the Class entitled to vote as are present in person or by proxy at a separate General Meeting of the Class of which Notice specifying the intention to propose the Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution has been duly given and so that the quorum of any such Meeting shall be three members at least of the Class and so that the Meeting shall be called in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Mr. H. P. White seconded.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman: I beg to move the second resolution:—

2. By inserting immediately after paragraph 7 of Clause XVI. a new paragraph as follows:—

8. Any General Meeting declaring a Dividend may direct payment of such Dividend wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets and in particular of paid up shares Debentures or Debiture stock of the Company or of any other Company or in any one or more of such ways and the General Managers shall give effect to such direction and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution they may settle the same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional Certificates and may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any members upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties and may vest any such specific assets in Trustees upon such trust for the persons entitled to the Dividend as may seem expedient to the General Managers. Where requisite a proper contract shall be filed in accordance with Section 7 of the Companies Act 1900 and the General Managers may appoint any person to sign such contract on behalf of the persons entitled to the Dividend and such appointment shall be effective.

Mr. Terrey seconded.

The resolution was unanimously adopted. The Chairman: That is all the business, gentlemen. These resolutions will have, of course, to be confirmed at a meeting within fourteen days.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

STAMP DUTY.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 29th December.

It appears certain that the stamp duty taxation will soon be enforced in the city of Canton. The local authorities have received from Peking for distribution 7,500,000 stamps of the following denominations:—4,025,000 of 20 cash; 2,000,000 of 100 cash and 1,275,000 of 1,000 cash. These stamps have been handed to the Provincial Treasurer for distribution.

P. RACY.

A cargo-boat fully laden with sundry merchandise coming from Foshan was the other day held up by a gang of pirates at Sha How and the goods on board to the value of over \$10,000 were removed. The owner of the vessel has reported the matter to the local authorities.

PROVINCIAL TREASURER.

The Canton newly-appointed Provincial Treasurer Chan Kwai Lin arrived here at noon yesterday on board the gunboat *Kwong Yuen*. This new official will take over the seal of office on the 1st January next.

SALT MONOPOLY.

It was not until yesterday that H.E. Viceroys Yuan Shu Hsun accepted the application of the merchants Chan Po Shum and others for the salt monopoly of the Liang Kwang provinces, as well as the provinces of Kwangtung, at an annual rental of 12,000,000 taels in stead of \$12,000,000 as previously reported. The monopolists have been ordered by the Viceroy to deposit a sum of 100,000 taels in the Imperial Government Tai Ching Bank in the nature of an advance.

A DRASTIC PROPOSAL.

For some time past, it has been the intention of H. E. Viceroys Yuan to abolish the gambling monopolies in Kwangtung, and to make good the loss of revenue by the increased rental of the new salt monopoly. However, a telegram has been received from the Ministry of Finance at Peking with instructions that the annual collection of rental from the salt monopoly should be remitted to that Ministry. The Canton public feel greatly agitated over the prospect.

BOYS' OWN CLUB.

OPENING OF NEW PREMISES.

The Committee of the Boys' Own Club are at present working hard for the inauguration of the Club's New premises on Monday, 3rd January. The ground is situated at East Point, at the corner of Jardine's Building, Leighton Hill Road, and opposite No. 1, Police Station. A small programme of sports has been arranged for the entertainment of the visitors. Machado's String Band will be in attendance. The programme for the sports is appended.

Mrs. W. J. Gresson has kindly consented to open the Club-House and present the prizes at the conclusion of the sports.

The programme for the sports is as follows:—

THREE-LEGGED RACE,
50 yards Ladies' Race,
50 yards Girls' Race,
50 yards Pony Race,
LADIES' NOMINATION RACE,
75 yards Boys' Race,
50 yards Hopping Race.

BAND PROGRAMME.

1. March....."El Capitan".....Souza.
2. Selection....."Walt Dream".....F. Strauss.
3. Two Step....."Nimrod".....V. Alstyne.
4. Valse....."Chorister".....Philipp.
5. Selection....."Gala".....S. Jones.
6. Two Step....."Anona".....Morse.
7. Valse....."Venus on Earth".....P. Link.
8. Selection....."Country Girl".....Mondt.
9. Serenade....."La Paloma".....Deyradier.
10. Galop....."God Save the King!"

SANDYCROFT RUBBER CO.

A special general meeting of Sandycroft Rubber Company was held recently at which it was resolved to divide the existing shares of \$100 each into fifty shares of \$2 each. This resolution was confirmed on Dec. 20.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—
On the 30th at 12.10 p.m.—The barometer has risen moderately at Wladivostok and in N.E. Japan, and fallen moderately elsewhere. The depression lying to the North of Japan yesterday, has moved away over the Pacific. The other depression remains over the Yangtze valley.

Pressure is highest over the Pacific to the S.E. of Japan.

Light variable winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and moderate monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. 10-day, 0.05 inches.

FORECAST.

1.—Hongkong and Neighborhood, E. winds moderate or light; fair at first, probably some rain later.

2.—Formosa Channel, Variable winds, light.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock, same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 1.

A. THRETT has been reported at the R.G.A. barracks, from which place eighty blankets of a value of \$50 were stolen between the 24th and 27th instant. The Police are investigating the matter, but so far the thieves have not been traced.

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.	
London-Bank T.T.	109
Do. demand	9.9/16
Do. 4 months' sight	109
France-Bank T.T.	2.26
America-Bank T.T.	43
Germany-Bank T.T.	1.83
India T.T.	133
Do. demand	135
Shanghai-Bank T.T.	75
Singapore-Bank T.T. per H.K. \$100	100
Japan-Bank T.T.	108
Java-Bank T.T.	108
Buying.	
4 months' sight L/C	109
6 months' sight L/C	110
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York	44
4 months' sight do.	45
30 days' sight Sydney & Melbourne	1.10
4 months' sight France	2.30
6 months' sight do.	2.32
4 months' sight Germany	1.78
Bar Silver	2.24
Bank of England rate	4.4
Swedish	1.13

Shipping.

Arrivals.	
Rajah, Ger. s.s., 1,735, F. Phell, 29th Dec., Bangkok 19th Dec., Rite, B. & S.	
Tomoye Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,631, K. Yajima, 30th Dec., Moji 23rd Dec., Coal, M. B. G. K.	
Ascania, Ger. s.s., 1,791, Clausen, 29th Dec., Canton 29th Dec., Gen. H. A. & Co.	
King Sing, Br. s.s., 1,713, Wright, 29th Dec., Canton 29th Dec., Gen. J. M. & Co.	
Yashing, Br. s.s., 1,424, R. Houghton, 30th Dec., Canton 29th Dec., Gen. J. M. & Co.	
Deiminger, Ger. s.s., 900, G. Meiner, 30th Dec., Canton 29th Dec., Gen. J. M. & Co.	
Haayang, Br. s.s., 1,237, Townbridge, 29th Dec., Canton 29th Dec., Gen. J. M. & Co.	
Thordis, Nor. s.s., 1,091, Jorgensen, 30th Dec., Bangkok via Swatow 19th Dec., Rice, K. T. & Co.	
Seang Bee, Br. s.s., 5,731, W. T. Larkins, 30th Dec., Rangoon via Straits 24th Dec., Gen. Seang Tak Hong.	
Wray Castle, Br. s.s., 4,399, Wm. Lightoller, 30th Dec., Kobe via Karatsu 23rd Dec., Gen. D. & Co., Ltd.	
Kwang, Br. s.s., 1,238, H. Mathias, 30th Dec., Canton 29th Dec., Gen. B. & S.	
Palawan, Br. s.s., 1,905, C. R. Longden, 30th Dec., Canton 29th Dec., Gen. B. & S.	
Bunta, Nor. s.s., 70, V. A. Andersen, 30th Dec., Singapore 20th Dec., Ballast, Waller & Co.	

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Blitz, Br. s.s., 1,735, F. Phell, 29th Dec., Bangkok 19th Dec., Rite, B. & S.	
Tomoye Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,631, K. Yajima, 30th Dec., Moji 23rd Dec., Coal, M. B. G. K.	
Ascania, Ger. s.s., 1,791, Clausen, 29th Dec., Canton 29th Dec., Gen. H. A. & Co.	
King Sing, Br. s.s., 1,713, Wright, 29th Dec., Canton 29th Dec., Gen. J. M. & Co.	
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Departures.

Dec. 30.	
E. F. Ferdinand, for Singapore.	
Shinku Maru, for Moji.	
Nishikan, for Shanghai.	
Ankai, for Canton.	
Flamingo, for Shanghai.	
Flamingo, for Coast Ports.	
Kingling, for Shanghai.	
Suevia, for Singapore.	
Aniloch, for Seattle.	
Suevia, for Manila.	
China, for Shanghai.	
Virginia, U.S. cruiser, for Shanghai, &c.	
Pennsylvania, U.S. armoured cruiser, for Shang- hai, &c.	

Passengers arrived.

Per Seang Bee, from Rangoon, &c., 1,957 Chinese, and 2 Japanese.	
Per Palawan, from Shanghai—Mr. and Mrs. Stevens.	
Per Derfflinger, for Hongkong from Bremen Messrs. R. Schuler, P. Matthias, H. Bude, H. Schwarzer, A. Syonson and Fr. Brandt. From Southampton—Messrs. A. O. Brawn and H. S. Boutoff. From Genoa—Mr. W. G. Kemperle, Dr. Wendland, Mr. and Mrs. Schultze, Messrs. Th. von der Nahmer, and A. Kuenzle, O. Schu- mann, Miss A. Cooper, Sisters Maier, Elcher, Heiz, Mr. and Mrs. S. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Miss Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. P. Ewert, Capt. Böttinger, and Mr. Zan Sui Tai. From Naples—Messrs. Walter Blair, and Wong Tung. From Colombo—Miss L. Wain, Mr. and Mrs. Washino, Messrs. Ah Shue and Ah Seng. From Penang—Messrs. W. Keller, Ah Fuh, and Mr. and Mrs. Tong Ching. From Singapore—Inspector and Mrs. R. C. King, Mr. Luyke, Capt. Parker, Messrs. Wong Mei, Dr. Hoppe, Messrs. Chung Leep, Sui Sui, Jin Chow, Tow Chen, Lui Chun, Mr. and Mrs. Li Ah Leong, Messrs. T. Cheong and Matsumoto.	

Shipping Reports.

Str. Derfflinger, from Bremerhaven, &c.,— Strong N.E. monsoon.	
Str. Wray Castle, from Kobe, &c.,—Light variable breezes and fine weather.	
Str. Seang Bee, from Rangoon, &c.,—Strong N.E. gale and high seas.	

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.	
Amiko, Ger. s.s., 522, H. Frauden, 28th Dec., Halifax and Hainan 28th Dec., Rice and Coal—J. & Co.	
Apollo, Br. s.s., 2,435, H. V. Ray, 27th Dec., from Mauritius, Gen. J. M. & Co.	
Bib-Thou, Fr. s.s., 954, Chomienne, 27th Dec., Haiphong 24th Dec., Rice—Lung Leong.	
Braemar, Br. s.s., 2,374, Saxby, 29th Dec., Fochow 27th Dec., Gen. D. & Co., Ltd.	
Chigata, Chit. s.s., 2,360, A. Augusten, 28th Dec., Telagu 21st Dec., Salt—Waller & Co.	
Chiyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,346, W. W. Green, 28th Dec., San Francisco 30th Nov., Yokohama 10th Dec., Nagasaki 22nd, and Shanghai 24th, Gen. T. K. K.	
Clara, Br. s.s., 2,510, L. Bland, 12th Dec., Singapore 2nd Dec., Patience in bulk —A. P. & Co.	
Daki Maru, Jap. s.s., 864, H. Murayama, 28th Dec., Amoy and Swatow 28th Dec., Tea and Gen. O. F. S.	

Daiya Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,735, Kobayashi, 9th Dec., Wakamatsu 4th Dec., Coal—M. B. G. K.	
Devanagery, Ger. s.s., 1,900, F. Rehwaldt, 27th Dec., Swatow 26th Dec., Rice—B. & S.	
Empress of Japan, Br. s.s., 1,935, H. Pybus, R.M.S., 9th Dec., Vancouver 18th Nov., and Shanghai 7th Dec., Mails and Gen.— O. P. R. Co.	
Fausang, Br. s.s., 1,410, H. S. Malkin, 29th Dec., Proboling 19th Dec., Sugar—J. M. & Co.	
Hanoi, Fr. s.s., 630, J. Pannier, 28th Dec., Haiphong via Pakhoi, Hainan, and Quong-chow-wan 23rd Dec., Gen. A. R. M.	
Hasei Dollar, Br. s.s., 7,200, M. Ridley, 26th Dec., Moji 21st Dec., Coal—Order.	
Hing Shun, Chit. s.s., 808, Manukoon, 28th Dec., Canton 27th Dec., Gen. C. M. S. Co.	
Kafuku Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,993, S. Suda, 17th Dec., Moji 17th Dec., Coal—B. & Co.	
Kohsichang, Ger. s.s., 1,922, O. Scheidling, 22nd Dec., Bangkok 10th Dec., Gen. B. & S.	
Kumang, Br. s.s., 2,078, E. J. Baller, 29th Dec., Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 20th Dec., Gen. J. M. & Co.	
Kueiyang, Br. s.s., 1,041, M. Dawson, 29th Dec., Canton 28th Dec., Gen. B. & S.	
Laertes, Br. s.s., 1,340, H. C. D. Frampton, 29th Dec., Saigon 23rd Dec., Gen. Chi- nese.	
Mauchuria, Am. s.s., 5,750, A. Dixon, 25th Dec., San Francisco via Japan and Manila 23rd Nov., Mails and Gen.—P. M. S. S. Co.	
Mandarin Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,345, K. Shimizu, 17th Dec., Miki 2nd Dec., Coal—M. B. G. K.	
Maung, Br. s.s., 1,344, G. S. Weigall, 24th Dec., Sandakan 17th Dec., Timber and Gen. J. M. & Co.	
Mathilde, Ger. s.s., 821, A. P. Ulderup, 28th Dec., Ajwa (Samoa) 5th Dec., Ballast— J. & Co.	
Nam Saag, Br. s.s., 2,591, P. M. B. Lake, 22nd Yokohama via Kobe and Moji 17th Dec., Gen. J. M. & Co.	
Nausang, Br. s.s., 1,497, A. Jones, 29th Dec., Saigon 23rd Dec., Rice—B. & Co.	
Oaula, Br. s.s., 5,809, W. C. Lycett, 27th Dec., Tacapa via Ports 1st Dec., Gen. B. & S.	
Pheunpenh, Br. s.s., 1,065, J. H. Scott, 23rd Dec., Saigon 17th Dec., Rice and Gen.— W. F. S. W.	
Phraeng, Ger. s.s., 1,011, Heyeger, 24th Dec., Bangkok and Angkor 15th Dec., Rice, B. & S.	
Prinz Sigismund, Ger. s.s., 1,200, D. Lenz, 28th Dec., Kobe 22nd Dec., Gen. M. & Co.	
Szechuan, Br. s.s., 1,422, Sidford, 29th Dec., Canton 28th Dec., Gen. B. & S.	
Taiwan Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,850, 28th Dec., Moji 23rd Dec., Coal—Chinese.	
Taishan Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,994, I. Fukui, 17th Dec., Miki 17th Dec., Coal—M. B. G. K.	
Tsai-tai, Ger. s.s., 1,002, Fr. Bücking, 28th Dec., Bangkok 18th Dec., Rice and Meal. —B. & S.	
Tsuguan Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,350, U. Nagatsu, 12th Dec., Miki 7th Dec., Coal—M. B. G. K.	
Yuen-sang, Br. s.s., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 27th Dec., Manila 24th Dec., Gen. J. M. & Co.	
Zafiro, Br. s.s., 1,618, R. Rodger, 27th Dec., Manila 24th Dec., Hemp and Gen.—S. T. & Co.	

SAILING VESSELS.

Comet, Br. barque, 2,890, W. J. Davis, 18th Nov., from New York, Petroleum—S. O. Co.	
Jutealis, Br. 4-masted barque, 2,551, F. Down, 14th Oct., Canton 13th Oct., Ballast—S. O. Co.	
Lyndhurst, Br. ship, 2,444, Parnell, 16th Oct., Canton 15th Oct., Ballast—S. O. Co.	

Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Sumatra	Singapore	P. & O. Co.	Dec. 31
Shanghai	Shanghai	B. & S.	Jan. 1
Tango Maru	Moji	N. Y. K. Co.	Jan. 3
Atsuta Maru	Singapore	D. S. & Co.	Jan. 3
Neri	Singapore	M. M. Co.	Jan. 3
Brasilis	Bangkok	H. A. L.	Jan. 4
Asia	Japan	P. M. Co.	Jan. 5
Emp. of China	Japan	O. P. R. Co.	Jan. 6
Coblenz	Sydney	M. & Co.	Jan. 7
India	Port Said	M. & Co.	Jan. 17
Peria	Manzanillo	E. H. Fong	Jan. 24
Knight Geo.	Astoria	P. & A. Co.	Jan. 29

DOCK RETURNS.

HONGKONG AND WHARF DOCKS.	
H.M.F.M.S. Rainha at Kowloon Dock.	
Amelia	"
Hilary	"
Rio Lima	"
Robt. Leabady	"
Huengshan	"
From Naples—Messrs. Walter Blair, and Wong Tung. From Colombo—Miss L. Wain, Mr. and Mrs. Washino, Messrs. Ah Shue and Ah Seng. From Penang—Messrs. W. Keller, Ah Fuh, and Mr. and Mrs. Tong Ching. From Singapore—Inspector and Mrs. R. C. King, Mr. Luyke, Capt. Parker, Messrs. Wong Mei, Dr. Hoppe, Messrs. Chung Leep, Sui Sui, Jin Chow, Tow Chen, Lui Chun, Mr. and Mrs. Li Ah Leong, Messrs. T. Cheong and Matsumoto.	

TAIKOO DOCKS.

Wuhu	at Quarry Bay Docks.
Wenchow	"
Kueichow	"
Manchuria	"
Kueiyang	"
Kueichang	"
Oscar II	"

Ships Passed The Canal.

16th November—Malm, Inverness, Katana, Scandia, Seneca, Cathay, 15th November, Ceylon, Glancus, Mithila Maru, Lauris, Sydney, Syria, Memon, Mithila Maru, 23rd November—Bandar, Bantarg, Bulow, Sien- ter, Atholl, Nicomedia, Schuyk, Titan, 28th November—Suruga, Persia, Bulow, Hakata Maru, P. R. Luitpold, Oceanian, Tamba Maru, Yunnan, 30th November—Brasilia, Albenza, Glamorgan, 31st December— Trangarbar, Vorwarts, Antenor, St. George, Somali, Sumatra, Tourane, Thesus, 7th December—Derfflinger, Benavrich, Carnar- vonshire, Liberia, Priam, 10th December— Indra, Princesa, Alisa, Mira, 14th Decem- ber—Iyo Maru, Kaitou, 17th Decem- ber—Armand, Dake, Alisa Maru, Austria, O- paka, Condon, Hyon, Kiana, Maru, 18th December—Bacloch, Bloemfontein, In- div, Dardanus, Nyarus, Fakhra, P. R. Frick- led, Segolia, 24th December—Alysona, Belgravia, Klatsch, Hitachi Maru, Kaitou, Tourane, Wakasa Maru, 28th December— Calchas, Carmarthenshire, Chaus, Lannos.	
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Arrivals at Home—16th November—

Mauchuria, Drumelton, Spaul, Tydens, 19th Novem- ber—Luluwa, Kanagawa Maru, Glenah, Montrose, 22nd November—Nile, 23rd Novem- ber—Meimann, 26th November—Miyasaka Maru, Aragonia, Indragiri, Sydney, Hudson, 30th November—Nippon, Sander, Glancus, 31st December—P. R. Luitpold, Titan, G. Ford, Luluwa, 6th December—Ceylon, 28th Decem- ber—Cathay, Bantarg, Hakata Maru, 29th	
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December—Glamorgan, Indragiri, Ni- comedia, Tourane, 14th December—Gau- thier, 17th December—Amira, Glancus, Kaitou, Iyo Maru, Meimann, P. R. Luitpold, 20th December—Somali, 21st Decem- ber—Armand, Dake, Alisa Maru, Austria, O- paka, Condon, Hyon, Kiana, Maru, 25th Decem- ber—Akhonor, Armand Dake, Kaitou, Maru, 28th December—Austria, Dardanus.	
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HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Dec. 30th to 31st Jan. 1910.	
High Water.	Low Water.
Time.	Height.

Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
1.30	4.3	1.30	4.3
2.30	4.3	2.30	4.3
3.30	4.3	3.30	4.3
4.30	4.3	4.30	4.3
5.30	4.3	5.30	4.3
6.30	4.3	6.30	4.3
7.30	4.3	7.30	4.3
8.30	4.3	8.30	4.3
9.30	4.3	9.30	4.3
10.30	4.3	10.30	4.3
11.30	4.3	11.30	4.3
12.30	4.3	12.30	4.3
1.30	4.3	1.30	4.3
2.30	4.3	2.30	4.3
3.30	4.3	3.30	4.3
4.30	4.3	4.30	4.3
5.30	4.3	5.30	4.3
6.30	4.3	6.30	4.3
7.30	4.3	7.30	4.3
8.30	4.3	8.30	4.3
9.30	4.3	9.30	4.3
10.30	4.3	10.30	4.3
11.30	4.3	11.30	4.3
12.30	4.3	12.30	4.3

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

December 29th, 1909, a.m.	
Bar. Tm. Hu. Wind Wx.	
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Vladivostok	7 a.m.	30.12	73	S	0	f
Nemuro	6 a.m.	29.97	70	S	0	f
Hakodate	6 a.m.	30.13	70	S	0	f
Kokoi	6 a.m.	30.13	70	S	0	f
Kochi	6 a.m.	30.13	70	S	0	f
Nagasaki	6 a.m.	30.13	70	S	0	f
Kyushu	6 a.m.	30.13	70	S	0	f
Osaka	6 a.m.	30.13	70	S	0	f
Naha	6 a.m.	30.13	70	S	0	f
Shanghai	6 a.m.	30.13	70	S	0	f
Amoy	6 a.m.	30.13	70	S	0	f
Swatow	6 a.m.	30.13	70	S	0	f
Takao	6 a.m.	30.13	70	S	0	f
Yokohama	6 a.m.	30.13	70	S	0	f
Kobe	6 a.m.	30.13	70	S	0	f
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Hakodate	6 a.m.	30.13	70	S	0	f
Nemuro	6 a.m.	30.13	70	S	0	f
Vladivostok	6 a.m.	30.13	70	S	0	f

December 30th, 1909, a.m.

Satobou	9 a.m.	—	—	—	3	b
Illoilo	"	29.90	80	NW	1	—
Cebu	"	29.98	82	N	1	c
Takao	"	29.03	61	—	—	—
December 30th, 1909, a.m.						
Vladivostok ..	7 a.m.	30.21	71	S	0	b
Nemuro	6 a.m.	30.20	72	S	0	—
Hakodate	"	30.25	—	NW	2	—
Kokoi	"	30.23	—	NW	4	—
Kochi	"	30.19	—	SW	2	—
Nagasaki	"	30.19	—	—	0	—
Kyushu	"	30.19	—	N	2	—
Osaka	"	30.16	—	S	2	—
Naha	"	30.12	—	—	0	—

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE BY WHICH MARKET VALUE HAS INCREASED SINCE LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
				RESERVE.	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.		
BANKS.							
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$125	\$125	\$1,500,000 \$1,510,000 \$250,000	\$2,001,819	Interim of £1 for account 1909 @ ex 1/94 = \$22.72	4 % {5997 sales London £91.0
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	7	£6	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$30,554	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903	56 1/2 buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.							
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,500,000 \$1,511,831 \$302,791 \$185,000	none	\$10 for 1908	7 % \$145 sellers
North China Insurance Company, Ltd.	10,000	15	£5	Tls. 225,000 Tls. 315,253 Tls. 146,585 \$1,000,000	Tls. 207,573	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1908	Tls. 122 1/2
Union Insurance Society of Canton	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Final of \$17 making \$47 for 1907 and interim of \$30 for 1908	5 1/2 % \$900 sales
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$12 and bonus \$3 for 1907	7 % \$230
FIRE.							
China Fire Insurance Company	70,000	\$100	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 1907	7 % \$118 sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$27 for 1907	7 1/2 % \$370 sellers
SHIPPING.							
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$7,000 \$230,000 \$100,000 \$100,000	\$1,000	\$1 for 1906	8 % \$8 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$100,000 \$100,000 \$100,000 \$100,000	Nil	\$4 for year ending 30.6.1908	\$33
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Interim of \$2 1/2 for account 1909	7 1/2 % \$32 sales
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Deferred)	60,000	£5	£5	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9 11/16 = \$3.154	56 1/2 buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	2,000,000	£1	£1	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Final of 2/- for 1908 and interim of 1/- for 1/10 1909	67 1/2 buyers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$50,000 \$50,000 \$50,000 \$50,000	\$5,221	\$1.00 for year ending 10.4.1909	4 % \$26 buyers 3 1/2 % \$14
REFINERIES.							
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$350,000 \$350,000 \$350,000 \$350,000	Dr. \$5,558	\$5 for year ending 31.12.08	3 1/2 % \$157 sales
Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$1	\$100	\$100,000 \$100,000 \$100,000 \$100,000	Dr. \$155,891	\$1 for 1907	\$21 sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 5	Tls. 50	Tls. 200,000 Tls. 200,000 Tls. 200,000 Tls. 200,000	Tls. 6:01	Tls. 10 for year ending 31.8.09	Tls. 340 buyers
MINING.							
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	£1	£1	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Dr. \$2,191	Final of 1/6 making 3/- for 1909	7 % Tls. 18.80 sales
Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	£1	£1	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Dr. \$2,191	No. 12 of 1/- = 48 cents	\$7 1/2 sellers
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.							
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$450,000 \$450,000 \$450,000 \$450,000	Dr. \$7,421	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.06	\$12
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$55	\$50	\$3,300,000 \$3,300,000 \$3,300,000 \$3,300,000	\$3,300,000	None	\$6 1/2 sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$5	\$50	\$2,500,000 \$2,500,000 \$2,500,000 \$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	None	\$5 1/2 buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000	\$345,162	Interim of \$1 1/2 for account 1909	\$5 1/2 buyers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000	Tls. 6,261	Final of Tls. 2 1/2 for year ending 30.4.09	6 1/2 % Tls. 76 sellers
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.							
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000	Tls. 4,334	Tls. 6 for year ending 30.2.09	5 1/2 % Tls. 105 buyers
Central Stores, Limited	50,123	\$15	\$15	\$751,845 \$751,845 \$751,845 \$751,845	\$24,641	\$1.20 on old and 60 cents on first new issue	\$15 sales
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$25	\$600,000 \$600,000 \$600,000 \$600,000	\$10,477	Interim of \$2.40 on old and 40 cents on new shares for account 1909	57 1/2 buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$1	\$1	\$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$10,477	Interim of 3/4 for account 1909	\$45 new b. \$102 buyers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	\$1	\$1	\$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$5,486	60 cents for 1908	5 1/2 % \$1 sales
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$30	\$300,000 \$300,000 \$300,000 \$300,000	\$27	\$1 1/2 for 1908	\$30 sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	76,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,300,000 Tls. 1,300,000 Tls. 1,300,000 Tls. 1,300,000	Tls. 142,404	Interim of Tls. 3 for account 1909	6 1/2 % Tls. 120 sales
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$625,000 \$625,000 \$625,000 \$625,000	\$1,000	Interim of \$2 for account 1909	6 1/2 % \$44 buyers
COTTON MILLS.							
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,500,000 Tls. 1,500,000 Tls. 1,500,000 Tls. 1,500,000	Tls. 20,991	Tls. 11 for year ending 31.10.09	8 1/2 % Tls. 135 sales
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,250,000 \$1,250,000 \$1,250,000 \$1,250,000	\$9,553	50 cents for year ending 31.7.08	56 1/2 sales
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 1,750,000 Tls. 1,750,000 Tls. 1,750,000 Tls. 1,750,000	Tls. 8,372	Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.9.06	Tls. 75
Luen-kuang-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 800,000 Tls. 800,000 Tls. 800,000 Tls. 800,000	Tls. 4,829	Tls. 4 for 1908	Tls. 101
Sey Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 200,000 Tls. 200,000 Tls. 200,000 Tls. 200,000	Tls. 15,911	Tls. 50 for 1906	Tls. 425
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$648	15 % per share for 1908	\$10
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$720,000 \$720,000 \$720,000 \$720,000	Nil	\$1.20 for 1908	\$12 1/2
China Light and Power Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$61,138	50 cents for year ended 28.2.06	\$6 buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,250,000 \$1,250,000 \$1,250,000 \$1,250,000	\$1,407	80 cents for 1908	\$9 1/2 sales
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$5 1/2	\$6	\$2,000,000 \$2,000,000 \$2,000,000 \$2,000,000	\$1,891	\$1.10 for year ending 31.7.09	\$16 1/2 sellers
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$4,000,000 \$4,000,000 \$4,000,000 \$4,000,000	\$3,756	Interim of 35 cents for account 1909	\$7 1/2 sellers
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$10	\$120,000 \$120,000 \$120,000 \$120,000	\$670	8 cents for year ending 31.12.08	\$12
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$600,000 \$600,000 \$600,000 \$600,000	\$5,195	\$1 and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 29.2.09	6 % \$20 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$125,000 \$125,000 \$125,000 \$125,000	\$7616	Interim of \$2 for account 1909	10 % \$180 sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$600,000 \$600,000 \$600,000 \$600,000	\$8,790	Interim of \$1 for account 1909	8 1/2 % \$121 sales
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Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$250,000 \$250,000 \$250,000 \$250,000	\$5,204	80 cents on fully paid share and 8 cents on 1/2 paid shares for year ending 30.4.09	6 % \$13 1/2
Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$500,000 \$500,000 \$500,000 \$500,000	\$5,204	None	\$14.40
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	\$10	\$10	\$750,000 \$750,000 \$750,000 \$750,000	18,640	None	\$9 1/2 buyers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	Tls. 14,810 Tls. 14,810 Tls. 14,810 Tls. 14,810	Tls. 5,250	Final Tls. 5 making Tls. 8 for 1908	4 1/2 % Tls. 135 sales
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$150,000 \$150,000 \$150,000 \$150,000	Dr. \$56,602	None	\$23 1/2 buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$25	\$25	\$500,000 \$500,000 \$500,000 \$500,000	\$63	40 cents for year ending 31.5.09	\$52
United Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$500,000 \$500,000 \$500,000 \$500,000	\$172	60 cents for year ending 31.12.08	\$10 1/2 sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$100,000 \$100,000 \$100,000 \$100,000	\$342	60 cents per ord. share for year ending 31.5.09	\$12 1/2 buyers
Watson (A.S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$900,000 \$900,000 \$900,000 \$900,000	\$2,613	Final of 30 cents for 1908	6 1/2 % \$7
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$105,000 \$105,000 \$105,000 \$105,000	\$782	Final of 30 cts. making 90 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1906	5 1/2 % \$3 sellers
RUBBERS.							
Anglo-Malay Rubber Company, Limited (fully paid)	1,500,000	2/-	2/-	\$3,000,000 \$3,000,000 \$3,000,000 \$3,000,000	none	Interim of 12 1/2 % for account 1909	14 1/2 buyers
Balgownie Rubber Estate, Limited	20,000	\$1	\$10	\$200,000 \$200,000 \$200,000 \$200,000	none	20 % interim for 1909	\$79 sales
Castlefield Rubber Estate, Limited	32,650	£1	£1	\$326,500 \$326,500 \$326,500 \$326,500	\$7,400	30 % for 1909	\$31 sales
Damasara (Selangor) Rubber Co.	110,000	£1	£1	\$1,100,000 \$1,100,000 \$1,100,000 \$1,100,000	none	None	\$80/- sellers
Gocondra Malay Rubber Co.	8,000	£1	£1	\$80,000 \$80,000 \$80,000 \$80,000	none	None	\$55/-
Highland & Lowland Para. Rubber Co. (fully paid)	101,454	£1	£1	\$1,014,540 \$1,014,540 \$1,014,540 \$1,014,540	none	7 1/2 % interim for 1909	65 1/2 buyers
do. do. (contributory)	123,545	£1	£1	\$1,235,450 \$1,235,450 \$1,235,450 \$1,235,450	none	None	nominal
Kamuning (Perak) Rubber Tin & Co.	950,000	2/-	15/-	\$1,900,000 \$1,900,000 \$1,900,000 \$1,900,000	£8,784	None	3 1/2 buyers
do. do. A Shares	105,000	£1	£1	\$1,050,000 \$1,050,000 \$1,050,000 \$1,050,000	none	None	nominal
Kuala Lumpur Rubber Co., Limited	180,000	£1	£1	\$1,800,000 \$1,800,000 \$1,800,000 \$1,800,000	none	20 % for year ending 31.6.08	105 1/2 buyers
Linggi Plantations, Limited (ordinary)	900,000	£1	£1	\$9,000,000 \$9,000,000 \$9,000,000 \$9,000,000	none	Interim of 40 % for account 1909	25 1/2 buyers
do. do. (7 1/2 % pref.)	10,000	£1	£1	\$100,000 \$100,000 \$100,000 \$100,000	£4,000	7 1/2 % for year 1908	nominal
Ragalla Rubber Company, Limited (ordinary)	15,000	\$10	\$10	\$150,000 \$150,000 \$150,000 \$150,000	none	15 % for year ending 31.12.08	nominal
do. do. (8 1/2 % pref.)	2,500	\$10	\$10	\$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000	none	None	nominal
Ledbury Rubber Estates, Limited	6,000	£1	£1	\$60,000 \$60,000 \$60,000 \$60,000	none	None	nominal
Sagga Rubber Company, Limited	40,000	£1	£1	\$400,000 \$400,000 \$400,000 \$400,000	none	None	nominal
Sandycroft Rubber Company	20,000	£1	£1	\$200,000 \$200,000 \$200,000 \$200,000	none	None	nominal
Sekong Rubber Company, Limited	80,000	\$100	\$100	\$8,000,000 \$8,000,000 \$8,000,000 \$8,000,000	\$1,275	Interim of 60 % for 1909	95 1/2 buyers
Shelford Rubber Estate Limited	65,000	£1	£1	\$650,000 \$650,000 \$650,000 \$650,000	none	None	19 1/2 buyers
Singapore & Johore Rubber Company, Limited	2,500	£1	£1	\$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000	none	None	29 1/2 buyers
Sungei Choh Rubber Estate Company, Limited	45,000	\$100	\$100	\$4,500,000 \$4,500,000 \$4,500,000 \$4,500,000	none	None	\$310 sellers
Sungei Kapar Rubber Company	110,000	£1	£1	\$1,100,000 \$1,100,000 \$1,100,000 \$1,100,000	£4,448	7 1/2 % interim for 1909	35 1/2 sellers 7 1/2

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